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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (194C-526) (P) (C-12)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS, aka  
 MEADE H. ESPOSITO, 10, 7  
 FORMER CHAIRMAN BROOKLYN DEMOCRATIC PARTY,  
 KINGS COUNTY, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK;  
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[redacted] of MEADE H. ESPOSITO, [redacted]  
 [redacted] and others yet unknown, [redacted]

Also enclosed are two copies each of [redacted]

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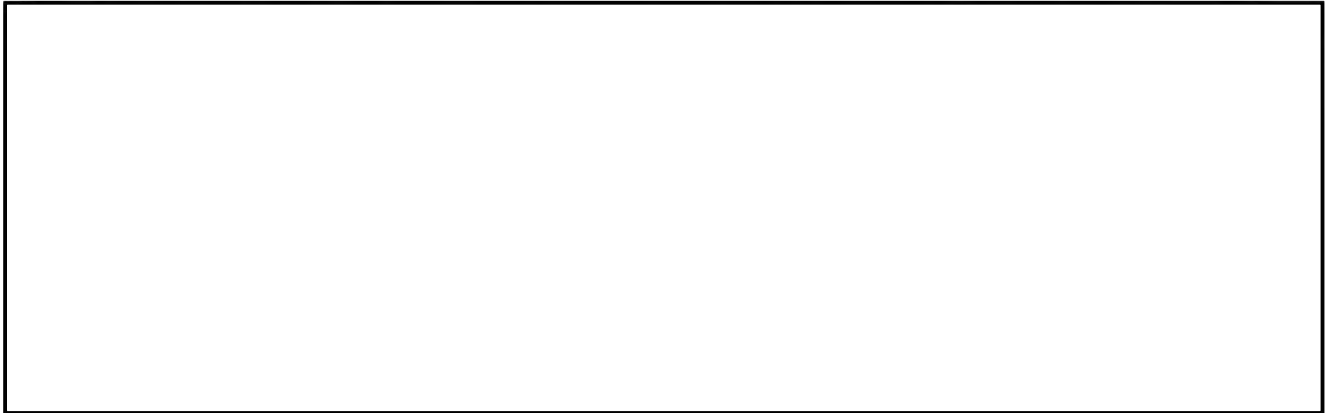
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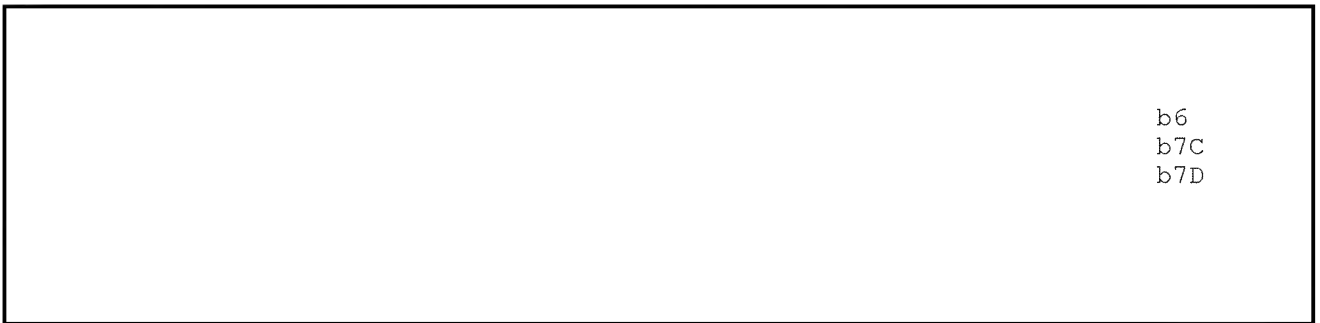
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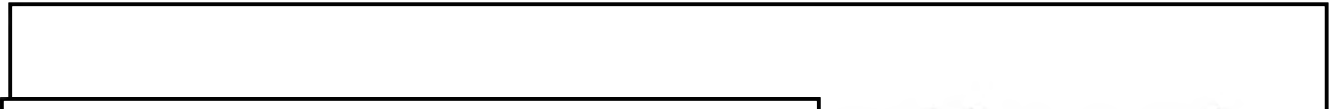
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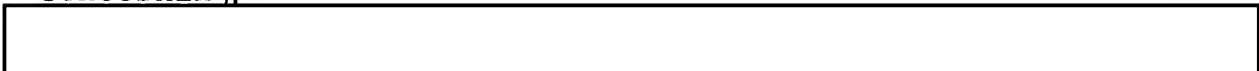


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A review of the files of the FBI disclosed the following concerning [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED] will reveal:

a. The nature, scope and methods of operation of the enterprise with which MEADE ESPOSITO, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and others as yet unknown, are associated in fact, and the affairs with which they are unlawfully conducting

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and participating in the conduct of, and conspiring to do so through the pattern of racketeering activity.

b. The identities and roles of accomplices, aiders and abettors, co-conspirators, participants in and victims of the alleged activities of the enterprise; specifically, the identities of those persons committing or conspiring to commit the offenses involving the interference with interstate commerce through the use and threatened use of economic harm and under color of official right.

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Synopsis of Probable Cause Justifying Title III Application

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a. MEADE ESPOSITO, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and others yet unknown, constitute a group of individuals associated in fact, although not a legal entity, constituting an "enterprise" as that term is defined in Section 1961(y) of Title 18, USC, which enterprise is engaged in and the activities of which affect interstate commerce.

b. MEADE ESPOSITO, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and others as yet unknown, have conducted, are conducting and will continue to conduct and participate in the conduct of the affairs of the enterprise, through a pattern of racketeering activity and that they have conspired, are conspiring and will continue to conspire to do so in that they have been obstructing, and will continue to obstruct, delay and affect interstate commerce by extorting, attempting to extort and conspiring to extort property [REDACTED] with their consent, induced by the wrongful use and threatened use of fear of economic harm and under color of official right, in violation of Title 18, USC, Sections 1951 and 1961.

c. [REDACTED]  
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In particular, there is probable cause to believe that MEADE ESPOSITO, [REDACTED] and others as yet unknown, are using and threatening to use their influence, association and relationships with public officials to [REDACTED]

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Prosecutive Opinion

This case is handled on a daily basis by Strike Force Special Attorney [REDACTED] EDNY, Brooklyn, NY. It receives the close supervision of the Chief of Strike Force, [REDACTED] and the personal attention of USA RAYMOND J. DEARIE. The objectives of the investigation, as well as the proposed electronic surveillance are considered appropriate.

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Position: Former Chairman, Brooklyn Democratic Party

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TO DIRECTOR FBI ROUTINE

ATTN:  WHITE COLLAR CRIME SECTION

ATTN: PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT

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ACTION MEMORANDUM

Enclosed is one copy of an affidavit in which Special Agent [redacted] of this Bureau's New York Office is the affiant. This memorandum, based upon the content of the accompanying affidavit, seeks approval from the Department of Justice for the filing of an application, supported by the enclosed

Enclosure

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Re NY airtel to the Director, dated 10/18/85.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
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SECTION, PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT)

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UNSUBS; AKA MEADE H. ESPOSITO, FORMER CHAIRMAN, BROOKLYN DEMOCRATIC  
PARTY, KINGS COUNTY, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK; HOBBS ACT-CPO; MAIL FRAUD;  
OO: NEW YORK

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, NEW YORK DIVISION IS PRESENTLY  
PREPARING AFFIDAVITS FOR TITLE III, TELEPHONIC AND MICROPHONE  
INSTALLATIONS IN CAPTIONED MATTER. [REDACTED]

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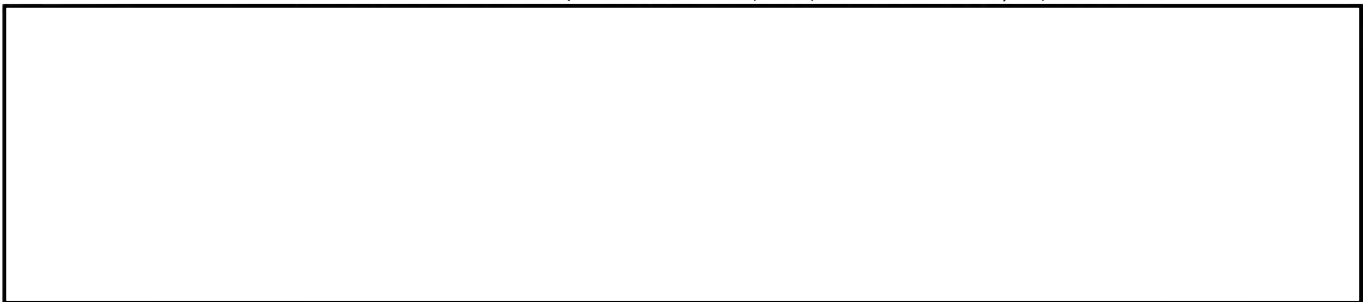
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Date 11/5/85

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (194C-526 Sub O) (P) (C-12)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS, aka  
MEADE H. ESPOSITO,  
FORMER CHAIRMAN BROOKLYN DEMOCRATIC PARTY,  
KINGS COUNTY, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK;  
HOBBS ACT-CPO; MAIL FRAUD  
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RUNNYMEDE  
OO: NEW YORK

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1985, AND OCTOBER 31, 1985; TELCAL TO [REDACTED] ELSUR INDEX,  
FBIHQ, FROM SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] NYO, ON NOVEMBER 1,  
1985.

FOR INFORMATION ELSUR INDEX, THE FOLLOWING IS A RECAP OF DATES  
AND TIMES OF THE SIGNING OF TITLE III ORDER, INSTALLMENT, INITIAL  
STARTING TIME AND NAME OF JUDGE WHO SIGNED ORDER, PERTAINING TO BOTH

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PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT)

FROM : ADIC, NEW YORK (194C-526) (SUB R-2) (P) (C-12)

SUBJECT: RUNNYMEDE;  
HOBBS ACT-CPO;  
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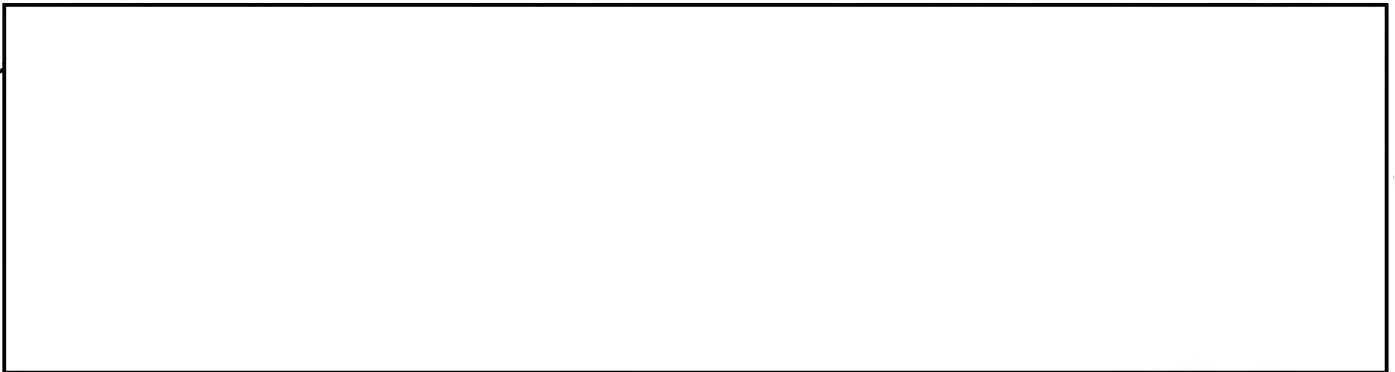
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SECTION, PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT)

FROM : ADIC, NEW YORK (194C-526) (SUB S-2) (P) (C-12)

SUBJECT: RUNNYMEDE  
HOBBS ACT-CPO  
RICO  
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DP RUNNYMEDE; HOBBS ACT - CPO; RICO OO: NEW YORK.

REFERENCE NEW YORK AIRTEL TO FBIHQ DATED OCTOBER 22,  
1985.

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY IS BEING PROVIDED FOR INFO  
OF FBIHQ:

PREDICATION:

INVESTIGATION PREDICATED UPON INFO DEVELOPED BY  
NYO OF FBI INDICATING THAT MEADE H. ESPOSITO, FORMER  
CHAIRMAN OF THE KINGS COUNTY (BROOKLYN) DEMOCRATIC  
COMMITTEE, AND OTHERS, HAVE BEEN ENGAGED, ARE NOW,  
AND WILL BE ENGAGED IN ACTIVITY INVOLVING THE CORRUPT  
USE OF ESPOSITO'S INFLUENCE OVER PUBLIC OFFICIALS,

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ASPIRANTS TO PUBLIC OFFICE AND/OR EMPLOYMENT, PARTY  
MEMBERS, AND OTHERS, TO EXTORT MONEY OR CREATE  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTHERS TO EXTORT MONEY OR OTHER  
THINGS OF VALUE IN VIOLATION OF THE PUBLIC TRUST.

OBJECTIVE:



LEGAL THEORY:



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OVERVIEW:

INFORMATION DEVELOPED TENDS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT  
ESPOSITO IS THE LEADER OF AN ENTERPRISE, INFLUENCED

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BY ORGANIZED CRIME, WHICH IS ENGAGED IN THE UNLAWFUL INFILTRATION OF A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS. THROUGH THE EXERCISE OF ESPOSITO'S POLITICAL POWER, THE ENTERPRISE SERVES AS A CONDUIT FOR EXTORTION BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

ENTERPRISE:

MEADE H. ESPOSITO:

IN 1960, ESPOSITO WON LEADERSHIP OF 39TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, KINGS COUNTY, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. THEN IN 1969 HE WAS ELECTED TO POSITION OF COUNTY LEADER, KINGS COUNTY, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, ONE OF THE NATIONS LARGEST COUNTY POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS. ESPOSITO MAINTAINED THIS POSITION UNTIL HE STEPPED DOWN IN JANUARY, 1984. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

DURING HIS TENURE AS COUNTY LEADER ESPOSITO WAS

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RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ELECTION OF ALL NEW YORK STATE JUDGES  
SEATED IN KINGS COUNTY AS WELL AS FOR ALL LOCAL, STATE  
AND FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM THAT SAME COUNTY. HISTORICALLY,  
SOURCE COVERAGE OF ESPOSITO'S ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN  
CONSISTENT AS TO HIS LCN TIES AND LOCAL/STATE POLITICAL  
CONTROL.

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RUNNYMEDE; HOBBS ACT - CPO; RICO OO: NEW YORK.

LOPAT INDUSTRIES, 1750 BLOOMSBURY AVENUE, WANAMASSA,  
NEW JERSEY, IS ENGAGED IN RESEARCH'S DEVELOPMENT, MANUFACTURE  
AND MARKETING OF FOUR SPECIFIC PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM A PATENED  
CHEMICAL MIX KNOWN AS K-20. LOPAT BELIEVES K-20 WILL CAUSE  
THE ENCAPULATIONS'S IMBOLILIZATION OF TOXIC CHEMICALS SUCH AS  
POLYCHLORINATED DIPHENYLS (PCB'S) AND THE INTERPENETRATION  
OF ASBESTOS.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DATE: 11/18/85

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: SSA [REDACTED] WHITE COLLAR CRIME SECTION,  
PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT)

FROM : ADIC, NEW YORK (194C-526-SUB S-2) (P) (C-12)

SUBJECT: RUNNYMEDE;  
HOBBS ACT-CPO;  
RICO  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (194C-526) (P) (C-12)

SUBJECT: RUNNYMEDE;  
HOBBS-ACT-CPO; RICO  
OO: NEW YORK

Re NY teletype to the Director, dated 11/15/85.

SYNOPSIS OF INVESTIGATION

This investigation was predicated upon information developed by the New York Office of the FBI that MEADE H. ESPOSITO, former Chairman, Kings County (Brooklyn) Democratic Committee, and others, have been engaged, are now engaged, and will continue to be engaged in activity involving the corrupt use of ESPOSITO's influence over public officials, aspirants to public office/employment, party members, and others, to extort money or other things of value in violation of the public trust.

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The objectives in this investigation are to further identify and collect evidence against [REDACTED] involved in extortion/kickbacks from private enterprises doing business with state and local government.

[REDACTED]

nature, scope and methods of operation of the enterprise with which MEADE ESPOSITO, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and others as yet unknown, are associated in fact, and the affairs with which they are unlawfully conducting and participating in the conduct of, and conspiring to do so through the pattern of racketeering activity, and (b) the identities and roles of accomplices, aiders and abettors, co-conspirators, participants in and victims of the alleged activities of the enterprise; specifically, the identities of those persons committing or conspiring to commit the offenses involving the interference with interstate commerce through the use and threatened use of economic harm and under color of official right.

PRIORITY OF INVESTIGATION

The White Collar Crime Program is the third priority program of the New York Office. Captioned case is the first priority of Squad C-12, which has responsibility for investigations relating to Corruption of Public Officials. SAC JAMES H. YELVINGTON and ASAC FREDERICK B. VERINDER have made a continuing commitment to the success of this case.

SYNOPSIS OF PROBABLE CAUSE JUSTIFYING TITLE III APPLICATION

Based upon the facts known in this case, there is probable cause to believe that:

a. MEADE ESPOSITO, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and others yet unknown, constitute a group of individuals associated in fact, although not a legal entity, constituting an "enterprise" as that term is defined in Section 1961(4) of Title 18, USC, which enterprise is engaged in and the activities of which affect interstate commerce.

b. MEADE ESPOSITO, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and others yet unknown, have conducted, are conducting and will continue to conduct and participate in the conduct of the affairs of the enterprise, through a pattern of racketeering activity and that they have conspired, are conspiring and will continue to conspire to do so in that they have been obstructing, and will continue to obstruct, delay and affect interstate commerce by extorting, attempting to extort and conspiring to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] with their consent, induced by the wrongful use and threatened use of fear of economic harm and under color of official right, in violation of Title 18, USC, Sections 1951 and 1961.

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j. On Election Day, November 5, 1985, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed MEADE ESPOSITO and

[REDACTED]  
exit the premises at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was overheard saying, "It's like throwing two million in the river. I'm talking ten million dollars profit..."

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In particular, there is probable cause to believe that MEADE ESPOSITO, [REDACTED] and others as yet unknown, are using and threatening to use their influence, association and relationships with public officials to [REDACTED] and that there is probable cause to believe that one or more public officials will aid, abet and conspire, and otherwise under color of official right, assist the aforesaid individuals in furtherance of their use, or threatened

[REDACTED]

Prosecutive Opinion

This case is handled on a daily basis by Strike Force Special Attorney [REDACTED] EDNY, Brooklyn, NY. It receives the close supervision of the Chief of Strike Force, [REDACTED] and the personal attention of USA RAYMOND J. DEARIE. The objectives of the investigation, as well as the proposed electronic surveillance are considered appropriate.

[REDACTED]

Name: MEADE H. ESPOSITO  
DOB: unknown  
Address: 2600 National Drive, Brooklyn, NY  
Telephone #: (718) 209-9713  
Position: Former Chairman, Brooklyn Democratic Party

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

Director, FBI

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HOBBS ACT - CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS;  
RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS

ACTION MEMORANDUM

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ATTENTION: SSA [REDACTED] PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT,

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"CHANGED" RUNNYMEDE; HOBBS ACT - CPO; RICO OO: NEW YORK.

TITLE CHANGED TO CODE NAME "RUNNYMEDE" TITLE  
PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS "UNSUBS, AKA MEADE H. ESPOSITO,  
FORMER CHAIRMAN, BROOKLYN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, KINGS COUNTY,  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK; HOBBS ACT - CPO; MAIL FRAUD OO: NY.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO FBIHQ TEL DATED NOVEMBER 6,  
1985, WHICH APPROVED "RUNNYMEDE" FOR USE IN THIS  
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TO DIRECTOR FBI IMMEDIATE

ATTN: SSA [REDACTED] PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT

FBI MIAMI IMMEDIATE

ATTN: SSA [REDACTED]

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RUNNYMEDE; HOBBS ACT-CPO; RICO; OO: NEW YORK

PURPOSE:

TO OBTAIN FBIHQ CONCURRENCE/APPROVAL FOR NYO TO CONDUCT  
SURVEILLANCE WITHIN MIAMI DIVISION DURING THE PERIOD DECEMBER 27,  
1985 THROUGH JANUARY 4, 1986. SAC'S MIAMI AND NEW YORK CONCUR. NYO  
PROPOSES THAT APPROXIMATELY NINE SPECIAL AGENTS WILL BE NECESSARY TO

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ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVES.

PREDICATION:

INVESTIGATION PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT MEADE H. ESPOSITO, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE KINGS COUNTY (BROOKLYN) DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE, AND OTHERS, HAVE BEEN ENGAGED, ARE NOW, AND WILL BE ENGAGED IN ACTIVITY INVOLVING THE CORRUPT USE OF ESPOSITO'S INFLUENCE OVER PUBLIC OFFICIALS, ASPIRANTS TO PUBLIC OFFICE AND/OR EMPLOYMENT, PARTY MEMBERS AND OTHERS, TO EXTORT MONEY OR CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTHERS TO EXTORT MONEY OR OTHER THINGS OF VALUE IN VIOLATION OF THE PUBLIC TRUST.

BACKGROUND:

IN 1960, ESPOSITO WON LEADERSHIP OF THE 39TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT IN KINGS COUNTY (BROOKLYN), NEW YORK. IN 1969, HE WAS ELECTED COUNTY LEADER OF ONE OF THIS NATION'S STRONGEST AND MOST POWERFUL COUNTY POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE MAINTAINED THIS POSITION UNTIL HE STEPPED DOWN IN JANUARY, 1984. DURING HIS TENURE, HE WAS

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RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ELECTION AND/OR APPOINTMENT OF STATE AND CITY JUDGES SEATED IN BROOKLYN, AND OTHER HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS IN BROOKLYN AND NEW YORK CITY. HIS INFLUENCE EXTENDED TO THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL AS WELL. CURRENT INFORMATION INDICATES THAT ESPOSITO CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF BROOKLYN POLITICS AND IS EXTREMELY INFLUENTIAL CITY AND STATEWIDE. ESPOSITO LOYALISTS PERMEATE CITY, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

OVERVIEW:

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INFORMATION DEVELOPED TENDS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT ESPOSITO IS THE LEADER OF AN ENTERPRISE, INFLUENCED BY ORGANIZED CRIME, WHICH THROUGH THE EXERCISE OF ESPOSITO'S POLITICAL POWER, SERVES AS A CATALYST FOR EXTORTION AND/OR STATE BRIBERY AND/OR FEDERAL BRIBERY BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS. THE OVERALL INVESTIGATION HAS DEVELOPED A NUMBER OF ASPECTS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS THE TOPIC ADDRESSED IN THIS COMMUNICATION.

COASTAL DRY DOCK ASPECT:

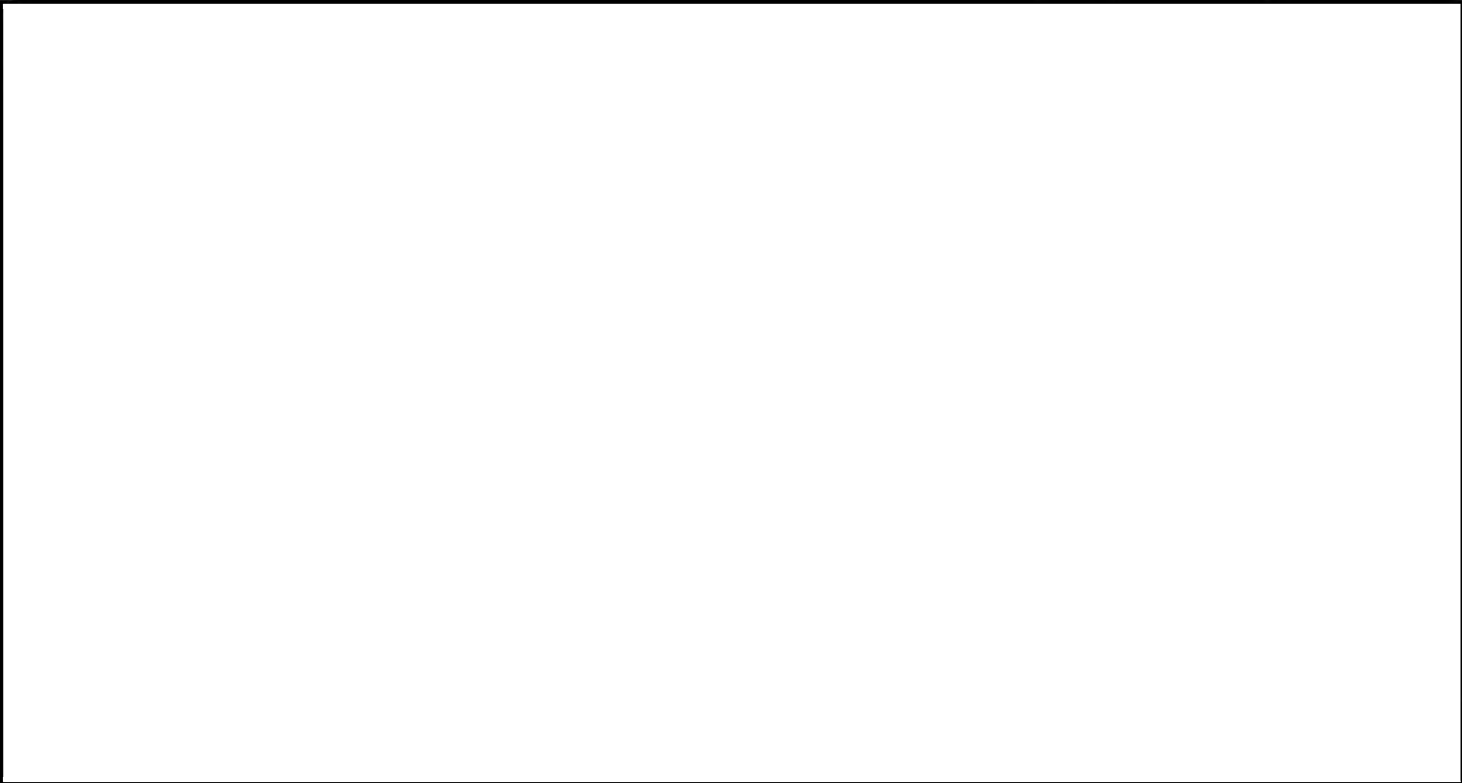


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COASTAL DRY DOCK (CDD) IS A NEW YORK MARINE RELATED BUSINESS.



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NYO PROPOSES TO SEND AN NYO SURVEILLANCE TEAM CONSISTING OF  
EIGHT SPECIAL AGENTS TO COVER ACTIVITIES OF MEADE H. ESPOSITO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WHAT ESPOSITO IS PICKING-UP. [REDACTED] ESPOSITO [REDACTED] EXPECTED  
TO BE IN FLORIDA DURING THE PERIOD DECEMBER 27, 1985 TO JANUARY 4,  
1986. NYO ALSO PROPOSES SENDING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SURVEILLANCE EVIDENCE IS  
CRUCIAL TO ESTABLISHING NECESSARY ELEMENTS FOR 18, USC, 201  
(BRIBERY).

PROSECUTIVE OPINION:

STRIKE FORCE CHIEF [REDACTED] AND SPECIAL ATTORNEY

[REDACTED] STRIKE FORCE, EDNY, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, WERE  
ADVISED OF THE FACTS RELATING TO THE CDD MATTER. [REDACTED] STATED IF  
EVIDENCE IS DEVELOPED WHICH SUPPORTS THOSE FACTS HE WILL CONSIDER

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PROSECUTING ESPOSITO, [REDACTED] FOR VIOLATION OF TITLE  
18, USC 1961, ET. SEQ. AND TITLE 18, USC 201.

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SAC, NEW YORK AND SAC, MIAMI CONCUR WITH THE USE OF NYO  
PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE OF MEADE ESPOSITO, [REDACTED]  
AND OTHERS YET UNKNOWN.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU.

FBIHQ CONCURRENCE/AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED FOR NYO AGENTS TO  
TRAVEL TO MIAMI TO CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE OF MEADE ESPOSITO, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND OTHERS YET UNKNOWN FOR THE PURPOSE OF GATHERING EVIDENCE  
TO FULFILL THE NECESSARY ELEMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING VIOLATIONS OF 18  
USC 1961 ET. SEQ. (RICO) AND 18 USC 201 (BRIBERY).

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PREDICATION:

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INVESTIGATION PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT MEADE-  
H. ESPOSITO, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE KINGS COUNTY (BROOKLYN) JAN 15 1986  
DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE, AND OTHERS, HAVE BEEN ENGAGED, ARE NOW, AND

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WILL BE ENGAGED IN ACTIVITY INVOLVING THE CORRUPT USE OF ESPOSITO'S INFLUENCE OVER PUBLIC OFFICIALS, ASPIRANTS TO PUBLIC OFFICE AND/OR EMPLOYMENT, PARTY MEMBERS AND OTHERS, TO EXTORT MONEY OR CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTHERS TO EXTORT MONEY OR OTHER THINGS OF VALUE IN VIOLATION OF THE PUBLIC TRUST.

BACKGROUND:

IN 1960, ESPOSITO WON LEADERSHIP OF THE 39TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT IN KINGS COUNTY (BROOKLYN), NEW YORK. IN 1969, HE WAS ELECTED COUNTY LEADER OF ONE OF THIS NATION'S STRONGEST AND MOST POWERFUL COUNTY POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE MAINTAINED THIS POSITION UNTIL HE STEPPED DOWN IN JANUARY 1984. DURING HIS TENURE, HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ELECTION AND/OR APPOINTMENT OF STATE AND CITY JUDGES SEATED IN BROOKLYN AND NEW YORK CITY. HIS INFLUENCE EXTENDED TO THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL AS WELL. CURRENT INFORMATION INDICATES THAT ESPOSITO CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF BROOKLYN POLITICS AND IS EXTREMELY INFLUENTIAL CITY AND STATEWIDE. ESPOSITO LOYALISTS PERMEATE CITY, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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This investigation was predicated upon information developed by the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that indicates Meade H. Esposito, former Chairman of the Brooklyn Democratic Party, has been involved in corruption activities which involve the use of his political influence over Brooklyn Democratic Party members and other public officials to extort money for appointments and from legitimate businesses who are attempting to do business in and around the City of New York.

During his tenure as County Leader, Brooklyn Democratic Party (1969-84), Esposito was responsible for the election of all New York State Judges seated in Kings County, as well as for all local, state and federal elected officials from that same county. He also controlled hundreds of political patronage jobs handed out after each election. Historically, source coverage of Esposito's activities has been consistent as to his La Costa Nostra (LCN) ties and local and state political control.

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Special Attorney [REDACTED] Organized Crime Strike Force, Eastern District of New York (EDNY), Brooklyn, New York, was advised of the facts in the above matter. [REDACTED] was of the opinion that such an investigation had prosecutive merit and that he would be willing to assist in the prosecution of Esposito and others should facts be developed to substantiate allegations of criminal conduct in violation of Title 18, United State Code (USC), Section 1951, Hobbs Act.